

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3562**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 03 2024**

RE: S.C.R. No. 97  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,  
to which was referred S.C.R. No. 97 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE  
ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS WORKING  
GROUP TO STUDY LOCAL PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND INCENTIVES  
FOR RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the  
Hawaii State Energy Office to convene a Renewable Fuels Working  
Group to study local production, development, and incentives for  
renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawaii State Energy Office; Par Hawaii; Hawaiian  
Airlines; Airlines Committee of Hawaii, Inc.; Hawai'i Gas; Hawai'i  
Farm Bureau; Island Energy Services, Inc.; Pacific Biodiesel  
Technologies, LLC; and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the State is heavily dependent on  
various modes of transportation for tourism, commerce, and inter-  
island travel, which significantly contributes to greenhouse gas  
emissions. Your Committee further finds that renewable liquid  
fuels offer a viable solution to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions  
across various modes of transportation, including aviation, and  
the State has a vested interest in fostering a comprehensive,



diverse portfolio of renewable liquid fuels. This measure establishes a working group to explore how to best incentivize the production of renewable liquid fuels in the State to provide valuable insights and recommendations for promoting the adoption and development of a diverse portfolio of renewable liquid fuels.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting language requesting that the Renewable Fuels Working Group membership include:
  - (A) A representative from a local fuel importer with statewide logistical supply and distribution capability; and
  - (B) Any others, as invited by the Chairperson;
- (2) Deleting language that would have requested the Renewable Fuels Working Group to submit to the Governor and Legislature an interim report providing an update of its work and progress no later than December 1, 2025;
- (3) Inserting language requesting that the Renewable Fuels Working Group submit to the Governor and Legislature a final report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than January 1, 2025; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 97, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 97, S.D. 1.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy, Economic  
Development, and Tourism,

*Lynn DeCote*  
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